

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please ~~amend~~ the first full paragraph of page 13 of the specification, starting at line 8 to read as follows:

D1 It was also found that the addition of small amounts of low density polyethylene to the polyolefin/filler blend allows film extrusion at higher throughput levels. Low density polyethylene with a Melt Flow Index, as measured using ASTM D1238, of about 0.9 to 25.0 grams per ten minutes (being preferred), and a density of about 0.900 to 0.930 may be used.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ~~amend~~ the claims as follows:

9. (Amended) A method of making a microporous breathable film comprising the steps of:
selecting a film forming a polyolefin precursor, said polyolefin precursor having polypropylene as a majority component;

blending said film forming polyolefin precursor with a filler which is a rigid material having a low affinity for the polyolefin precursor and a lower elasticity than the polyolefin precursor, and having a non-smooth hydrophobic surface such that the filler is about 30% to about 70% of the combined weight of the filler and the polyolefin precursor;

D2 combining said polyolefin precursor/filler blend with an additive selected from a group including a plastomer, an elastomer, a styrenic block copolymer or a combination thereof, wherein said additive has a melt flow index ranging from about 0.8 to about 40 g/10 minutes; ds/min
and

stretching the combination of said blended polyolefin/filler blend with an additive to form a microporous breathable film having a dart impact strength in the range of from about 100 to about 300 grams,

wherein said film has a WVTR in the range of from about 100 to about 10,000 g/m²/24 hr, and wherein said film has an MD or TD elongation in the range of from about 150% to about 550%.